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EVARTS CRUSHING A BORE

Grant's Opinion of Sumner—The Depew
Joke That Failed—A Tale of Earth-
quake Times.

The grim American humor crops out
in the most unlikely places. Like the
granite rocks rising from the sandy soil in
New Hampshire.

It isn't true in this country, as in
England, that the man who never
makes a joke gets the reputation of be-
ing a master mind. Pretty nearly all
our statesmen have been clever at repartee.

To William M. Evarts is commonly
ascribed the very familiar story about
Washington throwing a silver dollar



"BUT THERE ARE GENTLEMEN PRESENT,"
SAID GRANT.

across the Potomac. "But you must re-
member," he is represented as saying,
while secretary of state, to a dis-
tinguished foreign diplomat, to whom
he made the statement, "that a dollar
went farther then than it does now."

That's all, but here is one about Mr.
Evarts which has never been in print.
He was invited at one time to a dinner
at the house of a rich manufacturer in
Boston, who proved at dinner to be a
pompous old bore. Whenever any of
the distinguished guests ventured a re-
mark, this man would break in with
his exasperating drawl: "As I once said
to Daniel Webster—" or "when I was
with Charles Sumner at—"

Evarts stood it as long as he could.
After dinner in the smoking-room, he
turned upon his tormentor with the re-
mark: "You do yourself a great in-
justice, sir."

"How so?" demanded the man, taken
aback.

"Why," said Mr. Evarts, deliberately,
twiddling his fingers, as was his cus-
tom, "you have been modestly relating
to us these interesting reminiscences of
our great departed when everyone
knows that there have been in your ex-
perience events of far more historical
weight—as that, for instance, when
Columbus sailed our coast it was the
voice of Mr.— that guided him on his
course with these immortal words:
"Now, Mr. Columbus (imitating the
old man's drawl), if you'll only point
her head right over that way, you'll
make land all right."



THE CHUGAGOAN IN PARIS.

"This was not humor. It was wit—
the subtle kind that stings. Probably
there was provocation. It was this
same Boston merchant whose pen-
cillings were the butt of many a merry
tale. A boy was seen crying on Wash-
ington street one day.

"What's the matter?" said a good-
natured man.

"My mother's fallen down there," said
the wailing boy, pointing through a
grating.

"Oh, that's nothing. Just run in and
tell Mr.— He'll climb down and get
it."

"Yes, he will," sobbed the boy, with
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Grant's quiet rejoinder was: "Of course
not; he didn't write it."

And once in camp, when a "fresh"
officer started in to tell a doubtful story
with the prefix: "As there are no ladies
present," Grant promptly re-
marked: "But there are gentlemen
present," and the story was never told.
When Preston King went to congress
he couldn't take a vestibule train, but
had to ride on bareback, coach, canal-
boat and the like. So he told with feel-
ing this touching tale:

"One day when I was riding along a
muddy road in northern New York I
observed a little distance away a riding
whip apparently sticking up in the
mud. I stopped to pick it up, but, meeting
with unexpected resistance, discovered
that it was tightly clamped in a
human hand. I summoned assistance
and we soon had the mud-plastered gen-
tleman dug out of the bottomless
slush. 'Gentleman,' said he, as he stood
there in his mud-plastered raiment, 'I
thank you all for your kind assistance,
but for which I must inevitably have
lost my life. Now if you will add to
your good labors by assisting me to re-
cover my horse, I will—'

"Hold on," said a Louisiana man
(this was in a congressional cloak-
room), "your story is all right, King,
only it happened in my own love,
Louisiana."

"Pshaw!" said a Virginian. "It was
right out here on the Richmond road
not a dozen miles from Washington."

As a matter of fact, the story is sev-
eral thousand years old and still incom-
parably good health.

There is a Chicago story which is told
about Eugene Field, Philip D. Armour,
Dr. Gumsalus and half a dozen other
victims. The hero couldn't have been
Field, for he is an accomplished linguist.
The tale runs that a Chicago man visit-
ing Paris sat down one day in a restau-
rant. Utterly ignorant of the lan-
guage, he ran his thumb down the bill
of fare a little way and said: "Here!
Bring me some of that." The waiter com-
plied, dragging his shoulders as one
who disclaims responsibility and pre-
sently returned with a dish of pickled
pig's feet.

"H—!" remarked the pork packer,
surveying the array, "how did he know
I was from Chicago?"

Chambers, M. Depew, Robert G. Ingersoll
and Senator Wolcott, of Colorado,
are called three of the wittiest speakers
in America. One of Depew's best jokes
fell that when first uttered and became
famous next day. It was at the mass
meeting during the Minneapolis con-
vention. Depew was holding his audi-
ence in great shape when he compared
somebody or something with "the in-
fernal charnel which, in its Alpine
fastness, leaps from jag to jag." Prob-
ably because Depew's accurate pronun-
ciation of the word "charnel" wasn't
the one taught in the district schools,
there was hardly a ripple of laughter.
Next day, when folks saw the joke in
type, they roared.

Speaker Capron, of Rhode Island, tells
with gusto a story of a tax collector
who, after an exciting experience out-
side, burst into an Irish woman's cabin
with the remark: "I'll have to tax you
for that goat, Mrs. Muloney."

"An' why, thin, darlint?"

"Because the law distinctly says I
must tax all property bounding and
abutting on this street, and that goat
has been a bounding and a-buttin' on
that street for the last half hour."

Either Frank Stockton or Julia
Chambers—I forget which—told this



ABUTTING PROPERTY.

story at a literary club. "During the
Charleston earthquake an old negro
rushed out upon the public square, ex-
hibiting every sign of marred fear and
disquietude. Those who were near
enough heard this petition offered up
at the throne of grace: 'Oh Lord,
dese am de times ob terror. De earth
am a quakin' an' de fires ob hell is
abreast' for de onrightus. Oh Lord,
save us. Come right down to us. If
yo' can't come yo'self, send down de
Lawd Jesus, but if yo' can come yo'self,
yo'd better do it, kase dis yer's mighty
seesus mattah, an' taint no time for us
to see' chillen.'"

When Ben Butler was in college he
became tired of hash at his boarding-
house and "put up a job" on the land-
lady. Next time the dish appeared all
the young men groaned in concert:
"Oh! hash for breakfast! Hebrews,
xiii, 4."

You don't remember that verse? Here
it is: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and to-day, and forever." But hold Ben
didn't mean it to be punctuated that
way.

And it was another Massachusetts
man who was asked by a friend what
he was thinking of as he knelt at the
altar to be married. "I was thinking
how confoundedly funny the sales of
my feet must look from behind," was
the instant and unadvised response.

Artificial India Rubber.

Dr. W. A. Tilden discovered some
months ago that lupine, which can
be prepared from lupine, under cer-
tain circumstances changes into what
appears to be genuine India rubber.

Houchard had also found that the
same change could be brought about by
heat. The material so produced resem-
bles pure Para rubber in every way,
and, whether it is genuine rubber or
not, it may be equally good for all prac-
tical purposes. It is said to be capable
of vulcanization.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S THEATER.

The Waterloo Chamber of Windsor Cas-
tle. Whose Performances Are Given.

The Waterloo chamber, where "Car-
men" was recently performed at Wind-
sor by Sir Augustus Harris' company, is
described by the Pall Mall Budget as a
large, square room in the center of the
state apartments. It is approached on
one side by the grand staircase and the
grand vestibule from the quadrangle,
and on the other by the grand recep-
tion room from the private apartments.
There are besides three other doors,
connecting it with the George's hall on
one side and the throneroom on the
other. The stage is erected across the
room, and the throneroom will be used
as a greenroom, while the Rubens-room,
the king's closet and the northern end
of the grand reception-room can also be
pressed into service as dressing-rooms.
Opposite the stage is a raised dais, on
which is placed a chair for the queen,
and on a lower level chairs for the royal
family. Around on the floor are
chairs for the privileged guests.

The Waterloo chamber was built by
Sir Jeffrey Wyattville, the architect of
modern Windsor castle, over a disused
courtyard which used to exist in the
center of the state apartments, and which
served no purpose whatever. The cham-
ber was originally intended as a gallery
to receive the numerous portraits exe-
cuted by Sir Thomas Lawrence for
George IV. in remembrance of the vari-
ous kings, generals and statesmen who
were associated in the league of nations
against Napoleon I., and with the sub-
sequent resettlement of Europe at the
congress of Vienna.

The result of its central position was
that it was lighted altogether by sky-
lights, and that the entire surface of
the walls was available for the purpose
for which it was designed. Among the
works of art which line the walls are
eighteen large canvases by Sir Thomas
Lawrence, the most striking of which is
the full length of Count Platen of Hettum
of all the Cossacks, which was designed
when the Cossack chief visited England
in the train of the Tsar Alexander after
Waterloo. The chamber has on several
occasions been used for great state bat-
quets.

The throneroom is an elegant apart-
ment which looks out on the north ter-
race. The walls are hung with rich
brocade of the deep garter blue, and
woven with the monogram of "S" and
the garter and motto of the order. The
chairs and furniture are upholstered to
match, and their total effect is very
striking. The panels are adorned with
very fine paintings, and there are sev-
eral very valuable cabinets filled with
china. At the western end stands a
beautifully carved ivory throne, consist-
ing of a seat fashioned out of elephants'
tusks, which was presented to the queen
by the rajah of Travancore. This apart-
ment used to be the meeting place of
the Knights of the Garter when a chap-
ter of the order was held.

QUAINT BRUSSELS.

Peccolities of the Capital of the Little
Kingdom of Belgium.

Brussels is a showy, geometrically
built city, says Harper's Weekly, with
endless straight avenues, cubic perspec-
tives, and well-ordered suburbs; a
young and laughing capital vulgarized
by its imitation of every other capital,
and which an immoderate love of stucco
has led to the imitation of Paris in par-
ticular: a modernized town laid out by
rule, scraped clean with pumice stone,
deprived of all the bric-a-brac of its
antiquities, rebuilt without any of its
primitive originality, a town which has
sprung forth from the vitals of its an-
cient quarters with ready-made squares,
symmetrical thoroughfares, straight
streets, stucco and bastard-stucco build-
ings, five-storied houses, all the usual
topographical peculiarities of European
towns; a town which has laid aside its an-
cient robes, crumpled to dust its antique
plaster work, pulverized its venerable
relics, cleaned out its sewers, scoured
its slacks, disquainted its alleys, to
make itself like other towns: a town of
palaces, barracks, academies and of-
ficial buildings, in which is concentrated
all the machinery of government, and
which is the very heart of the body
politic; a town which, with its sparse
population, altogether inefficient to
people its wide thoroughfares, and
with its somewhat paralyzing condition
of well being, its ostentatious luxury
and wealth, calls up a vision of another
La Haye—a purring, self-satisfied, quiet,
satisfied, much-vaunted place; a town
which has retained its bourgeois char-
acter with all its pomp—a matter-of-
fact, home-like, punctilious city, a town
inhabited by men of simple manners
and moderate intellectual power, com-
bined with a weakness for trivial amuse-
ments and military pomp and show;
yet, with it all, still remaining a very
paradise to those who like to lead an
easy, careless life.

Engineering Skill.

Speaking of the remarkable feats of
marine engineers, the Marine Journal
recalls the achievement of Richard
Peck, who at one time had charge of
the single engine of the old City of Vera
Cruz coming up from Havana. South
of Hatteras the piston rod went to
smash, breaking into three pieces. But
Peck, after twenty-four hours of con-
tinuous labor, actually mended that
piston so that it was strong and true
enough to do its part with the rest of
the machinery, and he brought his ship
into New York harbor, steaming like
knight. This was a deed which, in the
opinion of the Boston Journal, quite
surpasses even the recent notable per-
formance of Engineer Tomlinson, of the
Gunbird.

Origins of Detaching the Heels.

The custom of "detaching the heels"
had a most curious origin. In the
days when the Danes lorded it in
England they had a very common habit
of washing. Englishmen in the throat
when drinking. To avoid this custom
a man when drinking would remove
some of the afterthought to be his pledge
or surety while taking his draught.
Hence the custom.

Genuine Activity in Real Estate.

The liberal propositions and terms of
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TALK OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Not a Scandal, Murder Robbery or Lepa-
rosity, But Simply a Plain, Unvarnished
Story of a Lady Who Approaches
Her Restoration to
Health and Family.

One of Grand Rapids' bright ladies is Mrs.
H. A. Eggleston, 286 Thomas street. In
speaking of her recent narrow escape from
death, she said: "I know the talk of the



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neighborhood, and if it were well known it
would be the wonder of the city. There is
really something almost marvelous about it.
You see, over two years ago my health began
to fail and I had severe hemorrhage from my
lungs. Then I began to go down very fast;
my lungs began to pain me, I had a bad cough,
loss of appetite, pain in my side, night sweats,
chills and fever and marked emaciation. My
nervous system was constantly ailing up with
nerves, annoying me dreadfully. I became so
weak I could hardly walk and the least exertion
would make me struggle for breath.
During all this time I was under the care of
physicians who were highly skilled in acute
troubles, but I never got the slightest help.
One of them told me he could do nothing for
me, but I was a good deal of constipation. Of
course that completely discouraged me, and
I was ready to give up, but my husband, hearing
of Dr. Rankin's success in lung troubles,
took me to see him. He didn't give me much
encouragement at first, but the trial treat-
ment made me so much relieved and seemed so
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cough and no short breath, nose, throat and
lungs clear. My appetite is ravenous and I
eaten twelve pounds the first month. I can
walk anywhere without fatigue. My chills
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